

## The Times' Daily Short Story.

### The Storm Telephone Message

(Original.)

Lavonia Mills was preparing for her wedding. In a room littered with scraps of fabrics and half made woman's apparel sat her mother and several other women plying needles. It was early summer and stifling hot. Distant thunder rumbled.

"We're going to have a storm," said Lavonia, rising and going to the window. "Gorgeous, how black! And what a whirling of clouds! It's going to be a windstorm."

There is something terrifying in the approach of these summer storms. The unnatural stillness, broken only by an ominous mutter, and the ink cloud bank growing rapidly in size as it comes, however many times we have seen them, will still excite trepidation. It was so with Lavonia Mills. There was a sinking of the heart as she looked out at the black mass from whose bosom occasionally darted an angry flash.

The women remained motionless, scarcely able to distinguish one another in an appalling midday darkness. Branches were cracking; the wind was one wild shriek. The storm had lasted some minutes when above this confusion of noises a ring was heard at the telephone on the floor below. It struck upon those who heard it like a knell. Lavonia whitened, hesitated, then went downstairs and took up the receiver.

"Sweetheart!" came a voice which she recognized as that of Henry Thurston, her lover. Without asking a question the voice went on hurriedly: "The—(something she could not distinguish) is under the door in the stable in the left hand stall as you—(unintelligible). Everything there. Everything, everything." There was more which was drowned by the roar of the storm, ending in what might be a burst of laughter or a succession of wails, then silence. Lavonia called eagerly, fearfully, again and again, but could get nothing further.

Henry Thurston had no blood relatives except Enoch and Lydia Thurston, the children of his father's older brother. These cousins were grown when Henry was born. Henry owned a fine farm and was supposed to possess other property to which Enoch and Lydia were heirs-at-law. They were selfish and crafty and had for years been watching Henry to see that he did not marry, thereby placing an heir or heirs between him and them. About the time he came of age they broke up one or two ineffectual love affairs, for Henry was too young and they were too crafty to let him see that they were the prime movers in the ruptures. Henry was thirty-five years old when he became engaged to Lavonia Mills, and by this

time he knew well the game that was being played by his cousins. They had settled themselves in his house at the death of his father when he was a mere lad, and upon entering man's estate he had found it impossible to get them out. Soon after his engagement he had served them a notice to quit, and, knowing that a woman was to be the manager of the household, they had prepared to stay and struggle for the mastery. The day after the storm Lavonia Mills harnessed up the rockaway and drove over to the Thurston farm. When nearing the house she saw a long streamer of black crape hanging from the knocker, and her heart sank within her. Hurrying up the roadway to the house, she saw Enoch coming out of the door. He told her that during the storm Henry Thurston was driving through a wood. A tree had been blown down and killed him.

For a time grief at the loss of one to whom she was to have been married within a few days absorbed every feeling. Then when she had become resigned to her loss she could not but feel the hardship of her position. Had the marriage ceremony taken place she would have been Thurston's heir. As it was, she must plod on, as she had long lived, in poverty. She wrote to Lydia Thurston asking for some memento from trinkets Henry had left and received for reply that there was nothing which could be spared. Then she heard that the cousins were taking possession of the property as heirs-at-law. Lavonia was chiefly taken up with a strange wonder at her lover's last message to her by telephone and what it meant. She inquired of the different farmers living near where he had been killed, but could not learn that he had used any of their phones. But the message—how could she obey it? The cousins were in possession and would not permit her to do so. Then she heard that Henry's estate had not proved nearly so large as had been expected. Henry's words suddenly had for her a meaning.

One night, armed with a few carpenter's tools, she went to the Thurston farm, saw a hole in the stable door, opened it, took up a board in the stall described in her lover's message and found a tin box. Having carried it home, she opened it to find a goodly package of bonds and, better than all, a will signed by Henry leaving all his property to her, but enjoining her to provide for his cousins.

The telephone message by which the location of the box was communicated remains a mystery. Farmer Atkins, who lives nearest the scene of the tragedy, declares that he heard a voice in the telephone room or something that sounded like a voice, but on account of the electrical disturbance did not dare to go in and investigate. A man might have passed through the darkness into the house unnoticed, but there is no evidence that Thurston left his team, and he was killed instantly.

AMY FANNING.

## MASTERS HEAR MRS. EDDY

Has 57 Minute Examination at Her Home

COUNSEL WITH BOARD

Masters in Famous Case Question the Aged Leader at Pleasant View—First Strangers to Enter the House for Years.

Concord, N. H., Aug. 15.—For fifty-seven minutes yesterday afternoon Mrs. Mary Eddy was examined by the three masters who are to determine whether she is mentally competent to handle her own property.

Behind closed doors at Mrs. Eddy's home at Pleasant View Mrs. Eddy was questioned by Judge Aldrich and by Dr. Jelly and H. W. Parker, his co-masters.

The masters were accompanied to the house by Frank S. Streeter, Mrs. Eddy's counsel, and by former Senator W. E. Chandler, chief counsel for the next friends in the famous Eddy suit.

Court stenographer took notes of the examination and it was said yesterday that these notes will be made public. The masters and the lawyers went into Mrs. Eddy's house at two minutes before 2 o'clock and left the house at 2:55.

When the masters and the lawyers left the house a few minutes later and entered the automobile that bore them back to Concord, they refused to reveal what had occurred at the examination. After the examination at Pleasant View, at which all the questions had been asked by the masters themselves and none by the lawyers, the party returned to the court house.

There the hearing went on, the reading of depositions of Massachusetts defendants being the first matter taken up at the resumption of the proceedings.

No member of Mrs. Eddy's household and none of the "next friends" was allowed to accompany the masters to Pleasant View. George Glover, Mrs. Eddy's son, asked to be present with his daughter, but the masters believed that they could secure better results if none of these close to Mrs. Eddy accompanied them.

With the commissioners went Senator Chandler, senior counsel for the "next friends," and General Frank Streeter, head attorney for the defense. It was stipulated, however, that neither of these gentlemen should question Mrs. Eddy, that duty being left entirely to the commissioners. Messrs. Chandler and Streeter were at liberty to suggest inquiries to be put by the members of the authorized spokesmen.

This plan was agreed upon after the commission had refused to grant the request of Senator Chandler, who at first said that the only fair way to test Mrs. Eddy's mental condition was to let him visit her with seven witnesses, at least five times in one day and at times unannounced, and question her without the presence of any of her household. The compromise finally reached was accepted by both sides.



BARON ROSEN.

and left with Acting Secretary Ade copies of the recent treaty between Russia and Japan, whereby they agree to abide by the terms of the Portsmouth convention, insure the integrity of China and the open door in Manchuria.

**HAS OVERSUPPLY OF COAL.**  
Reading May Order Its Mines on Half Time.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 15.—It is reported here that the Philadelphia Reading Coal & Iron company will order its collieries on half-time next week and that they will work but three days a week for some time. The water will be decided in a few days. The company has an unusual quantity of coal in its storage yards for this season of the year.

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### FASHION NOTES.

Up to Date Motor Bag—Gowns Worn at a Recent Wedding.

An exquisite automobile bag is of soft brown leather with a tooled design on one side of an automobile driven by a picturesque girl chauffeur along a country road. The design is beautifully tinted in appropriate colors. The lining is a changeable brown and green material, and the handle is of the new strap style.

Six bridesmaids at a recent wedding wore daffodil yellow crepe de chine



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with transparent yokes of yellow net and trimmed about with a delicate pattern of gold embroidery. Their yellow picture hats or transportation straw were adorned with yellow ribbon and golden apples. Each girl carried a director's cane, topped with a big bunch of yellow roses.

Taffeta is often the groundwork of the summer headgear, serving for the display of flowers, and clip hats in shot effects are among the late comers in millinery.

A princess dress with a waistband is an anomaly, but finds favor. Blouses are being trimmed with kimono bretelles, as well as a simulated low bodice filled in with white thin fabrics. Many of the white gowns are so embroidered that they can be interthreaded with ribbon.

Waistcoats of embroidered linen are frequently worn with woolen street suits. Some of these are entirely in white, but more swagger are they when done in red and blue—Bretou embroideries on a string color or tan linen. Others are of white pique, buttoning with gold buttons, while others still are in linen, striped in rose and white, blue and white and brown and white.

No material is better liked for the midsummer suit than pongee, and it is newest in check. The costume illustrated is simple, yet very smart, and shows lines of dull green on the natural colored ground, while the narrow vest is of oriental banding that suits the material admirably.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

Both Mats.

Both mats may be made of discarded bedspreads by cutting from the first part squares of desired size and hemming. These mats are nice to lay on the floor beside the bathtub when the latter is in use, but should be folded and hung in a convenient place, as they are not heavy enough to take the place of a rug.

Half Rates For Women.

Women, because they eat so much less, only pay half rates in the more old fashioned of Sweden's hotels.

Low Down Cities.

Most Dutch cities are several feet below the level of the sea.

Animal Intelligence.

Evidence of a mind in all animals, even the lowest, is found by F. W. Headley. The amoeba exercises the power of choice when it eats, and the creeklike colony of one celled infusorians, called zooluminum, after a time ceases to be agitated by Jena repeated at intervals, showing that it must remember that a jar is harmless.

## CARRIES OFF MACLEAN

Raisuli, "Holy War" Bandit Retreats

TO INTERIOR OF ASHKOON

Escaping from Knass Tribe, to Fight Against Christians—France May Overstep Her Agreement.

London, Aug. 15.—A dispatch from Tangier to the Exchange Telegraph company states that one of the results of the bombardment of Casablanca is that Raisuli has succeeded in getting away



SIR HARRY MACLEAN.

Commander of the sultan of Morocco's bodyguard. Captured by Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit, and held for ransom.

from the Knass tribe and taking Capt. Sir Harry MacLean with him to Ashkoon, on the borders of Beni-Aros, where the brigand is preaching a holy war.

France Admits She May Enter Upon Conquest.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Competent government circles declined to discuss the possibility of France eventually being compelled to overstep the limits of the terms of the Algeiras convention, but the following statement was made on the subject yesterday from an authoritative quarter:

"Events may force our hands, but until they do we shall try in good faith to carry out the mandate which we hold from the powers."

The artillery shipped to Casablanca from Oran will replace the machine guns loaded from the warships, which are not of sufficient range to reach the camps of the Moors.

An official note issued yesterday says that General Drupe has not asked for reinforcements.

A dispatch from Tangier to the Echo de Paris says the French cruiser Galilee restored calm at Ben Rechid, Casa Mediana and Seti, which are the centres of the wild tribes.

The news from Morocco city is bad. The tribes in that region have offered the sultanate to Toulou Hadid, whom they have invited to lead them on to Fez.

**EDWARD M. MORGAN CHOSEN POSTMASTER OF NEW YORK.**

Willcox's Successor Lunches With Roosevelt at Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 15.—Edward M. Morgan was yesterday appointed postmaster of New York city to succeed William B. Willcox, who resigned to become a member of the New York City public service commission. Mr. Morgan was assistant postmaster until Mr. Willcox's resignation, when he became acting postmaster.

Mr. Morgan arrived here on the noon train yesterday and took luncheon with President Roosevelt. When he returned to New York he carried his commission with him.

Ormsby McHarg, an assistant United States attorney-general, who has for some time past been conducting an investigation for the department of justice in New Mexico, was also a guest at luncheon.

LAYSAN ISLAND SUNK?

Was Home of Max Schlemmer and Family.

Honolulu, Aug. 15.—The captain of the schooner Luke C. Olsen, returning yesterday from a cruise to Laysan Island, reported that he was unable to find the island after a twelve-day search. It is thought that the island sank because of seismic disturbances. It was inhabited by Max Schlemmer and family and a number of Japanese laborers. The Government tug Triquois will renew the search.

### Finer Foods Daintier Desserts

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## MAGAZINE REVIEW.

Remarkable New Locomotive Firebox.

During the past ten years constructors of locomotives have made vain endeavors to find some better construction to replace copper fire boxes, which are not only costly to maintain, but the walls of which have to be sustained by hundreds of bolts and stays.

Mr. Brotan, inspector and superintendent of the workshops of the Royal and Imperial Austrian State railway, at Gmund, has now invented a water tube fire box which has been in use for some time, with the very best results.

Upright seamless steel tubes, arranged in rows, with their ends rolled into a cast-steel pipe, form the boundary at the sides and rear of the rectangular combustion chamber, from which the gases of combustion pass forward through the iron tube plate into the fire tubes of the boiler. In order that the foremost water tube may adapt itself to the curvature of the tube plate, the lateral wall tubes are bent so as to correspond to the circumference of the fire tube boiler. To the rear most lateral wall tubes there are connected the rear wall pipes, which are arranged close together in concentric curves and encircle the fire door. The space under the fire door and tube plate is lined with fire clay. The upper tube ends are rolled from below radially into the rear portion of the steam collector of a second boiler lying above the first boiler, and projecting towards the rear; this second boiler carries the steam dome, and is connected to the fire tube boiler by means of three stays.—Technical World Magazine for September.

Lincoln's Unique Physiognomy.

"It is the popular belief, the world over, that Abraham Lincoln was in face and figure, in action and repose, an excessively ugly man," writes Truman H. Bartlett, the American sculptor, in an exceptionally intimate and illuminating study of Lincoln, published in the August McClure's. The writer, so far from corroborating the common tradition, brings evidence to show that, according to the most eminent critics and to the testimony of the plain people of Lincoln's time, Lincoln's physiognomy was not only interesting and beautiful but actually constituted a new type in sculpture. The comments of French critics on the Lincoln mask, quoted here, are most enlightening.

"When I took a plaster copy, in 1877, to the oldest Paris bronze-founder to get it cast in bronze," writes Mr. Bartlett, "I put it down on a table side by side with a mask of the Abbe Lamennais. The first words of the founder were: 'What a beautiful face! Why, it's more beautiful and has more character than the Abbe's, and we think we have the handsomest one in France! What an extraordinary construction, and what fine forms it has! Premiet was particularly interested. He said, among other things: 'It seems impossible that a new country like yours should produce such a face. It is unique.'"

Mr. Bartlett's study is one of the most valuable and interesting pieces of impressionistic work that has appeared, throwing new light, as it does, on "the most intricate and mysterious individual problem of history."

To Use The Earth's Inner Fires

"As the exhaustion of the fuel supply of the world becomes more acutely realized as an inevitable prospect, men of science are taking into view with increasing seriousness what has been but a dream till now, the possibility of drawing upon the interior of the earth for the energy which, whether in the form of heat, power, or light, is required for the welfare and convenience of mankind."

Rene Bache writes thus of a dream of engineers in the Technical World Magazine for September.

"When it is considered that the cool crust of the planet on which we dwell is thinner relatively to size, than the shell of an egg, and that at a depth of only twenty-five miles—a distance less than from Philadelphia to Trenton—all substances are molten, the temperature being something like 10,000 degrees, it seems absurd that we should indulge anxiously about an available heat supply for the future. As will presently be shown there are places where the shell of the globe is very much thinner, and where the hot core is so near the surface that currents reaching downward might easily be constructed by human ingenuity."

"Of course, it would not be practicable to bore down into a region of molten rocks, but pipes could be sunk a sufficient distance to reach strata of as high a degree of heat as might be desired. Prof. William Hallock, of Columbia University, says that the putting down of such a pipe would not cost more than \$10,000 per mile; and he offers the suggestion that, merely for experimental purposes, it would be worth while to spend \$50,000 in sinking two pipes to a depth of twelve thousand feet. A connection having been established in a manner presently to be described, between the lower ends of the pipe an inexhaustible supply of heat could be fetched to surface."

## TIGHTEN LEGAL COILS AROUND E. H. HARRIMAN.

Chain Being Forged by Government for Magnate in the Railway Investigation.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—The decision of the attorney-general to require E. H. Harriman to show cause why he should not be required to answer questions put by the interstate commerce commission in its investigation of his railway interests last November is but a link in the chain being formed about the railway magnate.

If he answers the questions they may establish the fact of his control of the Illinois Central. A refusal to comply with the court's order will lay him liable to heavy fine and imprisonment for contempt.

It is understood from Harriman's lobby here that he will resist to the utmost the government's efforts. There is a law covering just such a case, granting a witness absolute immunity from prosecution in answering questions that might incriminate himself. It is said that Harriman's defense will be that under such immunity an American citizen cannot constitutionally be required to answer questions that might hold him up to the reproach of his fellow-men.

## BOMB SHATTERS ROOM OF LORD ASHTOWN

Poachers Attempt to Kill The Owner of Great Estate at Clonmel, Ire, But He Escapes Harm.

Clonmel, Ire., Aug. 15.—Lord Ash-ton, one of the great landed proprietors of Ireland, narrowly escaped being blown to pieces by a bomb early yesterday.

He was asleep in a room on the ground floor of his residence, Glenabury, when a bomb, shattered one of the walls of his apartment and destroyed most of the furniture, but did not injure Lord Ash-ton.

He arrived at the lodge last night. The gamekeepers recently had trouble with poachers on the estate and the outrage is attributed to them.

Lord Ash-ton belongs to a prominent family which has produced soldiers and clergymen of distinction, the men of the family being about equally divided between these two professions. He is of a retiring disposition and lives in comparative seclusion on his estate of 22,000 acres in Galway.

Lord Ash-ton had also been threatened by political agitators. At the recent Galway assizes, a local politician, who is a justice of the peace, was charged with inciting others to murder Lord Ash-ton. He was, however, acquitted.

## BRITISHERS WANT CONEY.

Purpose to Take Thrillers to the English Island.

New York, Aug. 15.—Coney Island is preparing for a general invasion of England. The scenic railway, the up and down road on trestles, with thrills and falling sensations, was tried not long ago on the merry-making public at Blackpool in England.

It was popular and as the Britishers have no loop-the-loops or other like amusement devices at the popular resorts near London, the idea was conceived of importing some of these aids to fun.

A syndicate was formed and agents are now here to study the amusement devices in use at the resorts near American cities.

## JURY FOR GLASS SECURED.

His Second Trial for Bribery at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—A jury to try Louis Glass the second time for the alleged bribery of Supervisor Thomas F. Longan was secured after six hours' work Tuesday. Twenty-eight talesmen were examined.

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All of us have to spend money. There is an art in spending it where it will do the most good. If spent so that it will circulate around this town and community, it will help this town and community. You belong to this town and community. Therefore it will help you. Isn't that good logic?

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